



The Honourable Scott Emerson MP  
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

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Your ref: Petitions

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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition numbers 1849-12 and 1879-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 17 May 2012, calling for a review of Queensland motorcycle licensing laws.

The Queensland Government recognises that motorcycle safety is a significant issue. During 2011, there were 45 motorcycle rider and pillion fatalities as a result of crashes within Queensland representing 16.7% of the Queensland road toll, which is 269.

The safety of motorcyclists on Queensland roads is currently a topic of significant community interest, as evidenced by these petitions. Therefore given the current focus on motorcycle safety, and the passing of the tenth anniversary since the introduction of the Q-Ride program, the government supports a comprehensive review of motorcycle licensing in Queensland.

I can advise that I have obtained the endorsement of the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier, to move a motion in the Queensland Parliament referring the review of motorcycle safety to the Transport, Housing and Local Government Committee.

Investigation by this committee will encourage discussion on the issue of motorcycle licensing in Queensland including the Q-Ride rider training and assessment program. The committee will be calling for public submissions enabling members of the community, key training and industry groups, motorcycle rider associations and road safety experts to express their opinions on this matter.

The committee will be instructed to report back to the legislative assembly with the outcomes of this review and recommendations for possible future directions for motorcycle safety in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP  
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